



THURSDAY EVENING, MAR. 28, 1907.

LESLIE WILLIS SPRAGUE talking to the Women's Conference of the Society of Ethical Culture in New York on Monday said:

I regret that men are losing their culture. I don't want to malign my own sex, but it is a fact that by the time a man is forty you can't tell, in most cases, whether he has been to college or not. A man's nose is at the grindstone all the time. All he sees is dust. The burden of supporting a family has grown so great that it is grinding all that is highest and best out of the men of the race.

Many people will take issue with Mr. Sprague. It is not the want of time, but the failure to utilize the time placed at our disposal. The late A. T. Stewart, the millionaire dry goods merchant of New York, arrived in that city from Ireland dependent upon his own individual exertions for support. After he had become a prosperous merchant his biographers tell us he worked twelve hours daily, and, notwithstanding his strenuous life, he spent his evenings home studying Greek as a rest for the mind. Elihu Burritt, the renowned blacksmith, managed to find moments for the improvement of his mind, while Benjamin Franklin, Horace Greeley and thousands of others of less note were burdened with responsibilities all their lives, but managed to read, to become intelligent and prominent. It is said of Henry Ward Beecher, nearly all of whose time was pre-empted in one way or another, met a friend one day who had recently published a large volume on some subject. Beecher told his friend he had read his book with interest. The writer, knowing Beecher led a busy life, asked how he had found time to read his book. The renowned preacher replied by saying that he had taken the volume to the dinner table and had from time to time read a few lines while the viands were being placed on the board, or while the courses were being changed. This is a hint to all. Beecher simply utilized moments generally thrown away by others. Some one has observed that "ignorance is a voluntary misfortune." This seems paradoxical, but there is much in it, especially in our day. Standard books were never so cheap, but, unfortunately, the little read by many people is of a nature which is neither food for the mind or the soul; hence the lack of intelligence on the part of such is due to the fact that they are not seeking wisdom either in books or among cultured people. The instinct to improve each passing moment as it flies is stunted while the myriads who fail to train the intellect with which they are endowed by nature bring on mental torpor which is apt to follow the victims through life.

THE BUSINESS organization of vice for "sale of dissipation" is the subject of an article entitled "The City of Chicago," by George Kibbe Turner, in periodical. Mr. Turner would show that the "sale of dissipation" is the real cause of the great waves of crime in American cities. He chose Chicago, "not because it is worse, or different from other American cities, but because it is so typical and so well known." He asserts that Chicago spends one hundred million dollars a year for alcoholic liquors, twenty million dollars for prostitution, fifteen million for gambling, that the dealers in dissipation in Chicago have a total revenue of at least \$135,000,000 a year, at least two-thirds as much as the revenues of the retail grocers and butchers. Mr. Turner attributes much of the crime in Chicago to the fact that hundreds of thousands of rough laborers are plying with liquor. This kind of crime is in every city, he says, but the facilities of Chicago double and treble it. The writer finds the answer to the question, "Why Chicago has such a great flood of crime every year," as follows: Because of the tremendous and elaborate organization, financial and political for creating and attracting and protecting the criminal. He points out that the increase in the saloon licenses serves only to crush the small, outlying saloons, while those "with a side line of prostitution and gambling" profited by the others failure.

WAR AND REMOVALS of wars are again in evidence. The Nicaraguans have beaten the Hondurans; there is anxiety concerning affairs in Bagdad, and a cloud about as large as a man's hand is causing apprehension in the east and has impelled the United States to make a movement to ascertain Germany's intentions; France has seized Oujda, in Morocco, in order to enforce French claims; unsettled conditions are reported in Persia; Roumania is in the throes of an insurrection, and Venezuela is having trouble with revolutionists.

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ington, he referred to the coming of the opera to that city at that time as an unfortunate thing, saying that it doubtless would be well attended. And it will be. The bishop knows the people of Washington well.

THE CROWDS which gather near and at the Corporation Court room morning and evening to see a soldier company, having in charge a colored prisoner, embark and disembark from an electric train, are growing smaller by degrees and beautifully less and all hope that such scenes will soon be brought to a close. Why the man would not be as safe in the jail of this city as in that in the county is not satisfactorily explained. His imprisonment here would certainly give the soldiers less trouble.

AND NOW a scandal has come before the board of governors of the Jamestown Exposition, the chief of the exploitation of the exposition having been charged with attempted "graft." It seems that graft nowadays enters into nearly every public enterprise and the belief that public office is a private snap is spreading.

### From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, March 28.—The gunboats of Nicaragua are hot in chase of the fleeing President of Honduras, Bonilla. The State Department today received a dispatch from United States Minister Merry announcing that he had received telegraphic advice that the Nicaraguan navy was bombarding Amapala. This town is situated on Tigre island in the bay of Fonseca and is the place to which President Bonilla fled after his defeat at Choluteca and the fall of the Honduran government. It is also Bonilla's stronghold.

The diphtheria quarantine at the White House was officially raised today after a period of 30 days. Archie this afternoon took a ride for the first time since he was stricken with the disease.

Leonard W. Hubbard has been appointed postmaster at White Hall, Franklin county, Va., vice C. E. Bell, resigned.

Secretary Cortelyou has received a petition from the draughtsmen employed in the office of the supervising architect asking the transfer of a negro draughtsman, on the ground that his presence is objectionable.

President W. Finley of the Southern Railway says running a railroad is just like conducting any other business, and that railroads are partners of every business man. He makes a plea for harmony between the railroads and the people.

Otto Seelhorst, who shot and killed von Person in the National Museum last winter, was placed on trial in Criminal Court today. His defense was insanity. The jury returned a verdict of insanity, and the prisoner was ordered to the Government Hospital for the Insane.

It was announced at the White House today that the visit of Marvin Huggitt, President of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, was for the purpose of attending the meeting of the trustees of the foundation for the promotion of industrial peace, and not to discuss the railroad situation with the President, as had been supposed.

### COURT OF APPEALS.

Tuesday's proceedings in the Court of Appeals were as follows:

Lynchburg Traction and Light Company vs. Guilf. Argued and submitted. Burnett vs. Young. Argued and continued until today.

The next cases to be called: Browden vs. Southern Railway Company, and Smith vs. Smith, being Nos. 91 and 75 on the argument docket.

The Court of Appeals yesterday handed down four opinions, taking the lawyers by surprise, Thursday being opinion day as a rule.

In the case of Thomas, alias Wright, a conviction in Alexandria county for assault, the court, as stated yesterday, refused to grant a petition to rehear the case. Judge Keith handing down an opinion of seven pages. Thomas was convicted several months ago, and the case was brought to Richmond in January, the court last Thursday denying to grant an appeal. Judges Cardwell and Whittle filing a dissenting opinion. The opinion yesterday briefly reviews the case and evidence, and concludes as follows:

"We do not wish to be understood as intimating that any right was denied to the prisoner by the judge of the Circuit Court. We merely mean to assert that in this case, or in any case, the right of a person accused of crime to have the very truth of his case put upon the record in order that it may be the subject of review, be denied; there is ample remedy provided by law to meet such a case. With a full sense of our responsibility, we have reconsidered the questions of procedure and of law which arise upon the record, and are constrained to adhere to the record which has been entered. The petition for rehearing is denied."

Other cases: By Judge Cardwell: Tidewater Railway Company vs. Cowan, et al. Circuit Court of Montgomery county. Affirmed.

By Judge Harrison: Pine Beach Investment Company vs. the Columbia Amusement Company. Circuit Court of Norfolk county. Reversed.

By Judge Whittle: Clark vs. Fehlbauer. Circuit Court of Elizabeth City county. Reversed.

### Southern Methodists.

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### News of the Day.

Reports received at St. John's, N. F., state that the steamer Greenland with 183 men aboard has been lost off the coast of Newfoundland.

Fire today at Guilford, Chenango county, N. Y., destroyed the open house, postoffice, two stores, and several dwellings. The village is without fire protection.

Word has just been received in Boston that Chief Stahl who recently resigned as Manager of the Boston American League Base Ball team committed suicide today at West Baden, Ind.

Miss Lucy Killen, the schoolteacher who was held up in the woods near Dover, Delaware, by two strange men believed to be the kidnapers of little Horace Martin, today joined in the search for the abductors.

John Brislin, inventor of the massive rolling mill machinery, by which beams of iron weighing tons are run through the rolls and through which Andrew Carnegie made most of his millions, died last night in Pittsburgh, Pa., at the age of seventy-two, blind and in poverty.

At Pennsylvania today Nathan Y. Landis, a Philadelphia furniture dealer, testified in the investigation of the alleged four-million dollar graft in the Capitol that he made the bootblack stand in the Senate toilet room for about \$125. The State paid contractor Sanderson, \$1,619.20 for the stand.

Most of the 40,000 employees of the Southern Railway have made contributions toward the erection of a monument to the late Samuel Spencer, who was killed on his own road early on the morning of last Thanksgiving Day. The monument is to be erected at Atlanta, Ga., at a cost of something like \$50,000.

Announcement was made yesterday at the recruiting station at Houston, Tex., that orders have been received from the War Department at Washington instructing that no more negroes be accepted for service in the army. Announcement was also made that all negro troops in the United States will be dispatched forthwith to the Philippines.

The proposal of Mr. Jacob H. Schiff, the eminent New York financier, for a conference of railroad managers with President Roosevelt meets no encouragement at the White House. It was stated there yesterday distinctly that there is no change in Mr. Roosevelt's attitude on the railroad question. There is no reason to believe that any conference such as suggested by Mr. Schiff will be held.

A stated yesterday James Henry Smith, known as "Silent" Smith, and reputed to be worth \$50,000,000 died in Kyoto, Japan, while on his honeymoon. Mr. Smith was married in Scotland to Mrs. William Rhineland Stewart, formerly Miss Annie Armstrong, of Baltimore. They started on a tour of the world. They had been traveling in Anthony J. Drexel's yacht Marguerite with the duke and duchess of Manchester.

### Strike at Hand.

A dispatch from Chicago says that the 45,000 trainmen of the western railroads seemed nearer a strike last night than at any time since the negotiations were begun, two months ago, for an increase of 12 per cent. in wages and a workday of nine hours. The conference yesterday between the representatives of the men and railroad officials lasted four hours, but was a failure in bringing about a solution of the trouble.

The railroads offered the men increases of 7 per cent. to passenger conductors and 10 per cent. to brakemen, firemen, baggage men and allied workers. When the railroad officers declared their offer was the best that could be made, the conference came to an end, as the men, by a referendum vote taken last week, had decided not to accept anything less than their original demands.

Immediately after the joint conference broke up, the representatives of the trainmen met to consider the advisability of calling a strike in order to bring the railroads to terms. Just what decision was reached was not known last night, as the union men declined to discuss what had taken place at the meeting.

They were a unit, however, in declaring that a peaceable settlement of the controversy can be reached only by the general managers offering concessions. Another meeting of the union men has been scheduled for today and the outlook last night is that a strike will be called within the next 48 hours unless the railroads request another conference.

### May Accept Two-Cent Fare.

Final testimony in the 2-cent passenger rate case was taken in Richmond yesterday before the State Corporation Commission. An opportunity was offered attorneys to correct evidence already taken and to offer further evidence.

Judge Crump suggested that the attorneys consult among themselves as to which shall speak first when the case is called for argument today. But it is now generally being hinted that no argument will be made and that the railroads, seeing the action generally taken in other States, have about decided to abandon the fight and submit to the uniform 2-cent passenger rate fare.

### King Alfonso's Condition.

Rome, March 28.—Private information received at the Quirinal intimates that King Alfonso, who has been in ill health for some time, is suffering from tuberculosis, which has worked such havoc in the Bourbon family. It is said that the Spanish court is extremely apprehensive as to the result of his condition.

### LETTER TO J. H. AITCHESON

Alexandria, Virginia.

Dear Sir: Not one man in ten knows what he's wasting money or not, when he buys. I do depend on the patient. With one point, your job will take 10 gallons and cost \$50 for paint and labor; with another 12 and cost \$60; with another 14 and cost \$70; with another 16 and cost \$80; with another 18 and cost \$90; with another 20 and cost \$100; with another 22 and cost \$110.

Here's an example: Professor Irvine of the Academy, Merced, Pa., painted the floors of his dormitories every year, one year with one point, next year with the point of the other dealer then—to divide the business between them—till Devos came to town. The job took 30 gallons, takes 60 Percent. The difference, 30 gallons, \$150. He didn't know he was losing \$150 a year till he got Devos.

Another example. When Geo. W. Brown, Union, S. C., painted B. F. Arthur's house first time it took 30 gallons "cheap" paint; repainted Devos; 14 gallons.

Yours truly,

F. W. DEVOS & CO.

P. S.—E. S. Leadbeater & Sons sell our paint.

### Virginia News.

The thirty-fifth annual session of the grand council of the Royal Arcanum will be held in Danville April 18, the session lasting three days.

William H. Conrad, a highly respected farmer and one of the oldest residents of Prince William county, died in his home on the Bull Run battlefield Tuesday.

Rev. H. H. Covington, of Sumter, S. C., who was invited to become rector of Monumental Church in Richmond, has declined the call definitely and finally.

Doctor and Mrs. S. D. Kennedy, of Warrenton, announce the engagement of their daughter, Agnes Gray, to Dr. William Beverly Mason, of Washington.

T. C. Pilcher, a former member of the house of delegates, whose announcement as a candidate for the State senate from the counties of Loudoun and Fauquier was made public yesterday, will be opposed by G. Latham Fletcher, of the Warrenton bar.

Miss Hattie Davis, eighteen years old, was fatally shot while walking in East Hill Cemetery, Bristol, last night, and died two hours later. Ack Hale, twenty years old, who was with her, is under arrest, charged with the murder, and accused of it by the young girl.

The Point-to-Point Steeplechase, given annually by the Warrenton Hunt Club, will take place April 2, at Clifton Farm, four miles from Warrenton. There will be four races, the Warrenton Hunt steeplechase, an open steeplechase, a steeplechase for half-bred hunters and a farmers' race.

Mrs. Charles H. Lewis, while hanging out clothes in her back yard in Richmond yesterday, sneezed while her mouth was full of peas, with the result that she swallowed a number of them. She was taken to a hospital, where she is suffering intense pain. The physicians in charge of the case have not decided whether an operation will be necessary. They agree, however, that the woman is in a most critical condition. The X-ray will be used to locate the pins.

The body of Thomas Deloatch, eighteen years old, of Southampton county, was found yesterday in the chimney of a vacant house near his home. He had climbed to the house top and jumped down the flue. Attracted by flies and vultures, searchers broke into the house and found the dead man's feet and ankles protruding into the open fireplace. The body had been wedged and would descend no further. Deloatch probably starved to death. In order to remove the body the chimney had to be torn down. The deceased had been missing for three weeks.

Fears are entertained that an attempt will be made to lynch John Walker, a negro, held in jail at Staunton, charged with attacking Mrs. H. M. Painter, wife of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad ticket agent at that place. Mr. Painter left his home to meet the early train yesterday morning, and shortly after his departure Mrs. Painter was rudely awakened by some one taking hold of her feet. She saw a negro standing at the foot of her bed and screamed to such good purpose that the intruder fled. Later Walker was arrested, and Mrs. Painter identified him as the man she saw in her room.

### The Jamestown Board.

The board of governors of the Jamestown Exposition Company last night gave out an official statement announcing that the resignation of Chief of Exploitation A. C. Sutton, against whom charges had been preferred by Terry B. Gordon, who is interested in several amusement concessions, had been accepted.

Mr. Gordon appeared before the board of governors yesterday and stated that Mr. Sutton had made him a proposition to exploit his enterprises through the publicity department of the exposition for \$100 a week.

At the hearing Mr. Sutton declared that he intended performing the service mentioned after his regular hours and with the consent of the exposition officers, and that he had no intention of using the publicity bureau for this purpose. The board deemed it expedient to accept the resignation of Mr. Sutton, which was before them.

Among other matters disposed of was the claim of Mr. Fitzhugh Lee for \$10,000, the salary of the late Gen. Fitzhugh Lee for a year as president of the company. The salary was voted paid without a dissenting voice.

### Suicide of Young Woman.

Naomi Yates, a 16-year-old school girl, jumped into the Chesapeake and Ohio canal at Washington yesterday afternoon and was drowned. The only writing on her clothes was a package of church contribution envelopes marked "Monthly offerings of the Father Lights, 508 Tremont Temple, Boston." On the back of one of these was written the name "N. Francis," which led to the theory that she was from Boston, one of the large party of tourists now in Washington.

The body was finally identified at the morgue, and a pathetic story of the girl's life became known. She was a sufferer from hip disease and did not get on well at the home of her stepfather, A. H. Francis. Despondent, she boarded a street car, rode to the opposite side of the city and calmly committed suicide. She was a girl of excellent character and belonged to a girl's society at the Second Baptist Church that has been collecting funds for the Father Lights Mission.

### The Thaw Case.

There was a sudden shift yesterday in the membership of the commission which is to decide whether or not Harry K. Thaw is now sane and capable of advising with his counsel. Ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, who it was expected would be chairman of the commission, resigned on account of ill health and Justice Fitzgerald appointed David McClure, the lawyer, in his place. Thaw will be present at the hearings into his sanity, the first one of which will be heard this afternoon.

"Prevention" will promptly check a cold or the Grippe when taken early or at the "meze stage." Prevention's colds, colds as well. Prevention's little candy cold cure tablets, and Dr. Simpson, Racine, Wis., will gladly mail you samples and a book on colds free, if you will write him. The samples prove their merit. Check early. Colds with prevention and stop. Pneumonia. Sold in 5c and 25c boxes by E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, druggists.

The Market.

Georgetown, March 28.—Wheat 75 1/2

### Today's Telegraphic News

#### Conditions in Roumania.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 28.—Fear that a revolution may sweep across Roumania, threatening the throne, as a result of the peasant uprisings in the farming districts, is agitating the authorities today. The real danger of the situation has not been made known to the outside world.

Indications that Russian anarchists are really directing the revolutionary movement have added additional alarm.

An official circular denial is made that any apprehension is felt as to the outcome, but preparations made to guard the palace against all attacks speak for themselves.

That the uprising has passed to a different state than when the peasants of Moldavia started the agitation is shown in today's reports of outrages. The rioters are now destroying property indiscriminately. The killing of many peasants by troops has inflamed the lawless bands operating throughout the country districts. Wherever there has been wholesale killings the marauders have renewed their depredations with increased vigor as soon as the soldiers were withdrawn.

Wallachia now seems to be the storm center of revolt.

In one fight between soldiers and peasants, 300 of the latter were killed. The number of killings increases their daily. In the Dimbrevits and Dolj districts disorders are growing worse.

So far the reforms granted by the government have not quieted the disturbances. Government officials are hopeful, however, as soon as the decree becomes generally known the disturbances will cease.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 28, via Vienna.—Hundreds of peasants are being killed daily in the fighting between troops and the peasants who are laying waste the country districts. Numerous bloody conflicts are reported from southern Roumania, accompanied with heavy loss of life.

Rebels made an attack on Trigo-viste arsenal, but were repulsed with heavy loss. The devastation of estates continues and many of the landlords against whom the wrath of the peasants is aroused have been put to death. A wealthy landowner living near Petreschii, a relative of the former cabinet minister, had a narrow escape with his life. He was in bed when peasants attacked his home. He escaped to the stable in his night clothes and saved his life by riding in this attire to Bucharest. A strict censorship has been established by the government. Not only have most press messages been held up, but today telephone communication with Buda-Pesth was stopped.

#### Will Demand Government Interference.

Chicago, March 28.—With the most gigantic railroad strike in history about to be called, the general managers of over forty western systems, embracing 95,000 miles of track, demand government interference in order that the entire railway business of the West may not be paralyzed.

A formal demand will be made at Washington for arbitration under the Erdman act. When arbitration was suggested yesterday by the committee of general managers in conference with Union representatives, the employees refused to arbitrate.

Anticipating such a suggestion, the men in session Monday night voted that the time for arbitration had passed. The situation is now realized by the railway managers to be most critical. The strike when called, will effectively tie up every railroad west of a line drawn from Winnipeg through Chicago to New Orleans.

Last night the general managers met and decided to demand government interference and so notified the representatives of the employees.

Following the breaking off of negotiations the one hundred and ninety-six representatives of the employees went into session and voted that a strike be called. The date for the calling out of the men will be set today.

#### The War in Central America.

Managua, Nicaragua, March 28.—Honduran revolutionists who took part with the Nicaraguan troops in driving President Bonilla from power, may rule in Tegucigalpa in succession to the fugitive president.

Report received here today from Honduras say that President Zelaya's representatives now rule there and that the Nicaraguan troops are maintaining order.

It is not believed that Zelaya has any ambition to control Honduras permanently. To attempt to do so would weaken him too much, in his own country. But Zelaya does want some one friendly to himself at the head of the Honduran government. It is expected that he will set up Bonilla's successor.

If Zelaya tried to place one of his own generals in the executive office of Honduras it would result in a general uprising. But it is believed there are many of the revolutionists who would be accepted by the people. If Zelaya can put a man friendly to him in office it will assist him materially in forming the union of Central American states it is his ambition to establish.

#### France and Morocco.

Tangier, Morocco, March 28.—Foreign residents in Morocco are believed to be in danger as the result of the steps taken by France to punish the Sultan for his failure to make reparation for the assassination of Dr. Mauchamp. Reports from interior towns say the natives have been greatly stirred by the sending of French warships to Morocco and the determination to hold Oujda until France's demands are granted.

Demonstrations against Europeans have been held in several towns, the Moors parading the streets and declaring they will drive out every foreigner.

The French demands will be forwarded to Fez when they are formally presented to Mohammed El Torres, the Sultan's representatives by the commanders of the French warships now here. It will require several days before the Sultan can send his reply.

Foreigners here believe he will readily accede to all France's demands when he sees they are made in earnest.

The Alaska Packers Association are about to introduce the Argo Best Salmon in this market. They are the largest Salmon canners in the world, employing an army of 7,500 men, with a fleet of over sixty vessels, and the Argo is the choicest Best Salmon packed. It is caught in the waters of Behring Sea. The flesh is very firm, of a beautiful red color and delicious flavor. It sells at 10c a can, which is much below the price that good qualities of Salmon have sold for in the past.

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New York, March 28.—Whether or not Harry Thaw goes to Mattawan now depends entirely on himself. His attorneys declare it is quite within his ability to demonstrate to the lunacy commission which will examine him that he is perfectly sane today and fully capable of advising them. If he fails to do so, they insist the fault will be his own.

Thaw, it was reported today, will be one of the first persons examined by the commission, and it is expected he will be subjected to a physical examination soon. The purpose of this is to allow the commission to reach a conclusion in the near future, if possible.

If an examination of Thaw and submitting him to physical tests proves he is insane, in the judgment of the commission, it is stated the lunacy board will so report immediately without going to the length of examining other witnesses or wading through the thousands of pages of testimony bearing on his mental condition in the record of his trial.

If the examination of the defendant does not show Thaw to be insane, the lunacy board may require several weeks to complete its work. With all the witnesses available, it might require as much time as the trial has taken to get all the evidence that the commission desires.

#### Woman Fights a Burglar.

New York, March 28.—Thrown into a blind fury by seeing her husband miserably struck down by a burglar, Mrs. Adolph Oestricher sprang from her bed early today and attacked the intruder. He struck at her with a heavy screw driver with a loaded handle, but his blow missed and she leaped upon him and succeeded in snatching the screw driver. The woman and thief grappled for a full minute, Mrs. Oestricher wielding the screw driver with good effect. Finally the burglar realized that he was being overcome and, stepping back, he kicked the woman in the abdomen. With a scream she sank to the floor and lay unconscious beside her husband. The thief, who has been identified as Clifford M. Smith, a former member of the Seventh Regiment, National Guard of New York, climbed over a transom and fell into the arms of a policeman.